

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/678,225

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 02/21/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 17-19 and 24-26.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

[1] An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Joseph L. Felber (Reg. No. 48,109) on April 18, 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 17

Please replace all the text in claim with the following:

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): An identification-information-acquisition device to be detachably mounted ~~in~~ as an extension device, which has such a configuration as to be mounted in a container portion of an information processing device, and which includes a carrier unit that moves from a position where said carrier unit is encased in the container portion to a position where said carrier unit is situated outside the container portion, said identification-information-acquisition device comprising an identification-information-acquisition unit which receives identification information, wherein the carrier unit can encase said identification-information-acquisition unit and moves move said identification-information-acquisition unit while encased within said carrier unit from ~~an~~ encased a position within said container portion to a position where the identification information can be entered in said identification-information-acquisition unit when said identification-

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information-acquisition device is mounted on the carrier unit, wherein said identification-information-acquisition unit is configured to be detachable from the carrier unit in a state of being capable of receiving the identification information.

In claim 24

Please replace all the text in claim with the following:

Claim 24 (Currently Amended): An identification-information-acquisition device to be detachably mounted in an information processing device, which includes a carrier unit that moves from a position where the carrier unit is encased in the information processing device to a position where the carrier unit is exposed outside the information processing device, said identification-information-acquisition device comprising

an identification-information-acquisition unit which receives identification information, wherein the carrier unit can encase said identification-information-acquisition unit and moves move said identification-information-acquisition unit while encased within said carrier unit from ~~an encased~~ a position within said container portion to a position where the identification information can be entered in said identification-information-acquisition unit when said identification-information-acquisition device is mounted on the carrier unit, wherein said identification-information-acquisition unit is configured to be detachable from the carrier unit in a state of being capable of receiving the identification information.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

[2] The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The instant invention is a portable fingerprinting system.

Prior art was found for the claim limitation and applied in the non-final and final office actions.

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Independent claims 17 now recites *inter alia*, “identification-information-acquisition unit while encased within said carrier unit”. Similarly, independent claim 24 now recites *inter alia*, “identification-information-acquisition unit while encased within said carrier unit”.

Encased is defined as “to enclose in or as if in a case” (source: Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary). Case is defined as “a box or receptacle for holding something” (source: Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary). Examiner interprets this to mean that carrier unit surrounds the identification-information-acquisition unit by four walls (this would meet the definition “encased *within*”). Klatt [US 6,592,031] surrounds the identification-information-acquisition unit by only three walls, see fig. 2a.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

[3] Claims 17-19 and 24-26 are allowed.

Contact Information


[4] Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mr. Sath V. Perungavoor whose telephone number is (571) 272-7455. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 8:30am to 5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Bhavesh M. Mehta whose telephone number is (571) 272-7453, can be reached on Monday to Friday from 9:00am to 5:00pm. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

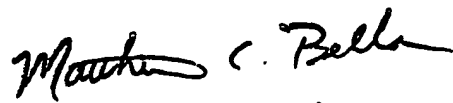
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